

The Tariff Question.

The reader will quite understand that the choice between the Canadian Tariff and our present one has been committed to the Legislative Council to decide, and that it stands completely dissociated from the main question of Confederation. We confess to some disappointment at the remarks of the Hon Mr Trutch upon this subject, on Wednesday, when moving to go into Committee on the Confederation Terms. He said that if called upon to make a choice between the two tariffs he would not hesitate to accept that of Canada, as it meant reduced taxation; but that, inasmuch as it was not absolutely necessary that the question should be decided now, he thought it might be better to delay the decision till some future period. So very much has already appeared in these columns upon this subject that we trust we shall be justified in assuming that the general public fully understand its merits. Indeed, the unanimity with which the electors throughout the Colony pronounced in favor of the Canadian Tariff at the polls would appear to dispel all doubt upon that point. And it would, indeed, be strange if the colonists should prefer to retain the present high and ill-adjusted tariff, under Confederation, thereby paying into the Dominion Treasury a little short of one hundred thousand dollars a year more than their fair share of Customs revenue; and all for the sake of securing to the people of Vancouver Island, the Lower Fraser and the seacoast settlements, the luxury of paying a tax of \$1.50 instead of 25cts per barrel on flour, and the people of every part of the Colony paying \$2.50, instead of 80 cts per gallon on spirits. But, it appears to be agreed on all hands that the Canadian Tariff will be preferable to our own, under a system which takes the revenue derived from customs duties away out of the Colony. The only dispute is as to whether a decision should be made now or at some future time. We are utterly at a loss to discover a cogent reason for postponing the decision; but we can furnish more than one against delay. Admitted that the change is to be made, the sooner it is made the better. To the commercial mind the objections to such delay must be clear and irresistible. To suspend such a change over the commerce of the country is to paralyze trade. It can be no secret that under Confederation, with the Canadian Tariff, our commercial connections will undergo material changes. The sooner an end is put to all suspense upon the subject of tariffs the better. If we are to have the Canadian Tariff, the sooner we accept it the better for all interests and all classes. Any delay must operate most injuriously to trade. Were there any reason to think that the mind of the Colony had not been intelligently and conclusively made up in reference to this question one could understand the proposition to postpone its settlement. But no pretence of the kind can be urged. Perhaps no question has ever been more fully discussed and better understood. Certainly none has ever evoked a more unequivocal verdict at the polls. In every constituency, save one, has the verdict been distinct and emphatic—"Let us have the Canadian Tariff." And even now do we see the Mainland holding public meetings and resolutions in favor of accepting the Canadian Tariff? But, we do not for a moment imagine that the Legislative Council will hesitate. Eight out of the nine elected members are pledged to vote for the immediate acceptance of the Canadian tariff, and there is no reason to think they will go counter to their pledges. The appointed members know that the people have pronounced in favor of the immediate acceptance of the Canadian Tariff, and there is no reason for supposing that they will set themselves in opposition to the intelligent wish of the people. Both the elected and appointed members must know that it is the true interest of the Colony to accept the Canadian Tariff, and they are not likely to run counter to reason, and interest, and common sense.

THE PROCLIVITIES FOR SENSATION.—It is as astonishing that in this modern, and supposed to be more refined age, that a custom still exists which originated in the Fifteenth Century from an accidental circumstance of Mad and Bachelors amusing themselves on the 14th of February, by drawing lottery-wise, a name to be taken seriously or in joke, to represent their future wives or husbands. This custom modernized, exhibits the same tendency, in the form of Valentines. Some chaste in appearance and sentiment, and others grotesque and calculated to please or offend. E. N. Hibben & Co. are prepared for the coming St. Valentine's Day in the modern and most pleasing form.

AUTUMN AND WINTER.—The study of the seasons is ever interesting and amply repays the student, who now learns that A B G & Co. Government Street, has just received a large stock of Fall Goods, comprising Winceys, Serges, Plaids, French Merinos, Waterproof Tweeds, Astracan Cloth, Alpaca, Flannels, Blankets, Shootings, Ladies' and Children's Jackets, Shawls, Hosiery, Silk Umbrellas, Hats, Feathers, Flowers, Ribbons, &c, &c, together with a choice selection of Fancy Small Wares suitable for the present season.—GOVERNMENT STREET, December, 1870.

New Advertisements.

The Nanaimo Strike.

THE COAL COMPANY'S EXPLANATION TO THE PUBLIC.

A CARD RECENTLY PUBLISHED in regard to the late strike from the Miners of Nanaimo, and solicits sympathy and support in behalf of those who have been run out of employment by the reduction of wages to less than living rates. The Vancouver Coal Company consider it would not be out of place to submit a few facts touching the question and cause of the strike, the conduct of which they have been "thrown out of employment," and their present attitude.

It is well known that the San Francisco and Colonial Coal Markets have been so much depressed for some time past that sales of the different varieties imported by the former place have been made at prices realizing less than cost and charges, and in the case of Nanaimo, at a serious sacrifice to the Coal Company. Being unable to sell their coal the Company, in their desire not to disturb the working of the mine, accumulated a stock of 20,000 tons at the pit's mouth, the workmen being kept regularly employed and their wages paid with the usual regularity in anticipation of a lengthened continuance of the unfavorable market. It was, however, the fact that the coal company could not operate but to reduce their home, as well as foreign prices, in the hope of improving their business by widening the range of exports and enlarging sales.

With this view, on the 1st of September last, notice was given of a reduction to be made in wages just at all corresponding with the proportion of decrease in selling rates; and on the expiry of 14 days notice the miners held a meeting and decided to remain at work at the reduced rate, and to ask those who stood at their posts also to stop, upon the understanding that the whole body of men should stand out till, each of them, was given his former position and wages. This was the first move towards the strike and the relative cause of it. At the meeting mentioned the men did not hesitate to propose that those who were willing to work should be advised or exhorted to join in the strike, to the credit of which, however, the word "COMPLIX" was objected to and recorded; but notwithstanding the expunging of the word, the dastardly and dishonorable outrages that have followed—attempts to blow up houses with their occupants in bed, burning down a building, and the like, show that some of the men were determined to act without regard to consequences.

Passing over various minor incidents of a somewhat vindictive and malicious character that have transpired, the position now assumed by the men is simply this:—They hold out for their own terms, vainly hoping to force the Company to agree to anything they dictate. The Company have endeavored to arrange the dispute upon the basis of mutual concessions, and are determined to yield no further.

It will thus be seen that the miners are shutting themselves out of work, and are assuming an attitude alike overbearing, arbitrary and unjust to the Company, and detrimental to the investment of capital in any Coal enterprise, the success of which depends on the labor of one class of men.

The Public can estimate how far men are entitled to claim support and sympathy under the above circumstances.

Beware of the BULL!

SWEDISH TURNIPS FOR SALE!

A LARGE AND CHOICE LOT OF SWEDISH TURNIPS for sale low at BROWN'S DAIRY FARM, Beacon Hill. Jan 21 1m

FOUND

ON THE JAMES BAY SIDE, A SCARF. The owner can have the same by proving property and paying for this advertisement. Apply at The Colonist Office. Jan 21 1w

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia

IN BANKRUPTCY.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1862. WHEREAS A PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF BANKRUPTCY, bearing date the 20th day of January, 1871, hath been duly filed against David Cameron of Belmont, British Columbia, and he having been declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to Matthew Griffin Begbie, Esquire, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, at the Court House, James Bay, at the adjourned sitting of the Court on Wednesday the 1st day of February proximo, and on Wednesday the 16th day of February, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, of each day, and then and there to make a full discovery and disclosure of his estate and effects, when and where the creditors are to come prepared to prove their debts, and at the final sitting to choose Assignees, and at the 1st sitting the said Bankrupt is to finish his examination.

All persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to Mr. Richard Woods and Mr. Charles E. Pooley, the Official Assignees, whom the said Chief Justice has appointed, and give notice to Mr. HENRY S. MASON, Solicitor in the matter of the Petition.

Dated this 20th January, 1871. RICHARD WOODS, } Official CHARLES E. POOLEY, } Assignees

FINE

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE,

FOR SALE IN LOTS TO SUIT

R. F. PICKETT & CO. Jan 20 1m

FOR SKEENA RIVER AND FORT SIMPSON.

THE HUDSON BAY COMPANY'S STEAMER "OTTER," will sail from the Company's wharf for the above ports on or about WEDNESDAY the 1st of February. For Freight or Passage apply to CAPTAIN LEWIS, On Board. Jan 20 1d

Omineca Gold Mines

SKEENA RIVER ROUTE

WE HAVE MEANS AT OUR disposal to send you to the mouth of Skeena river to the Forks for

TWO AND A HALF CTS PER LB. We will also convey Passengers from the Mouth to the Forks for the fare of

FIFTEEN DOLLARS EACH! Each passenger will be allowed to carry 100 lbs of freight without extra charge.

We are also prepared to supply miners with OUTFITS and General Merchandise at reasonable rates, and shall transact a FINE AND COMMODIOUS BUSINESS.

CUNNINGHAM & HANKIN Skeena Mouth and Forks of Skeena. For further particulars apply to J. KAGLE, Shipping Agent. Jan 20

WM. STEINBERGER.

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Wines & Liquors JOHNSON STREET, Jan 20 6m Next to the Ferry Landing.

JOHN WILSON

WILL OPEN The "Garrick's Head," THIS DAY, Thursday, January 19th, 1871. Jan 10 LUNCH served at 12 m.

Burns' Anniversary.

St Andrew's and Caledonian Benevolent Society's ANNUAL BALL Will take place at the Alhambra Hall On the Evening of Wednesday, the 25th of January, 1871, SUPPER on the table at Eight o'clock. DANCING to commence at half-past Nine. TICKETS admitting Lady, a Gentleman including Supper, 2s. Tickets may be had of any member of the Society. Jan 1

Notices.

NOTICE.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT James Cooper, by Deed bearing date the 20th day of September, 1870, conveyed and assigned his dwelling House and Premises situated at James Bay, Victoria, and all the Furniture and other Goods, Chattels and Effects unto Thomas Lett Stahl Schmidt, as security for payment of certain monies in the said Deed mentioned; and that the said Thomas Lett Stahl Schmidt has taken possession of the properties comprised in the said Deed. DRAKE, J. K. & A. K. M. Solicitors for T. L. Stahl Schmidt. de 18

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia, in Bankruptcy.

In the matter of the Estate of John Goodacre, a Bankrupt. WEDNESDAY, 21st of December, 1870. THE BANKRUPTCY COURT THIS DAY passed his second examination before His Lordship the Chief Justice, who came up on his application for his Certificate on Wednesday the 15th day of January n 21, at 12 o'clock noon. ROBERT BISHOP, Solicitor for the Trade Assignees. de 27

NOTICE

FROM AND AFTER THIS DATE I will accept of RENTALS as well as other payments to be made to me. L. LOWENBERG. de 27

Royal Hospital.

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE ROYAL HOSPITAL are respectfully informed that their Annual Donations are now due and will be thankfully received by A. F. PEMBERTON, Treasurer. de 4

\$100 REWARD.

WILL BE PAID FOR THE ARREST and conviction of the party or parties who set fire to a stock of wood belonging to the undersigned on Monday night last on the Burnside road. M ROWLAND. de 28 Burnside Farm, 27th Dec., 1870.

A CARD.

THE UNDERSIGNED RETIRES FROM the Coal and Wood business from this date. All persons indebted to him will please settle their accounts forthwith. JOHN KRUMHOLTZ. de 21 Victoria, Dec 21st, 1870.

MR. HELMCKEN

MAY BE CONSULTED AT HIS OFFICE in Victoria, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the morning, or at his residence, James Bay, in the evening. de 4

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS HERETOFORE carried on by WM DALBY, Government st, on and after the 1st day of January 1871, will be carried on under the name of DALBY, WILSON & CO. de 4 Victoria, B.C., January 31, 1871

NOTICE.

A VACANCY WILL OCCUR IN THE office of LIBRARIAN to the Mechanics' Institute on the 1st of January. Candidates are requested to send in applications to EDWIN JOHNSON, Esq. Honorary Secretary, who will also give information as to the duties of the office. de 4 Victoria, 4th January, 1871

PUBLIC NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Crown Grants in the name of the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies (excepting only those in Victoria District) as well as on the Mainland of British Columbia, the purchase money of which has been fully paid, will on proper application for the same be at once issued.

Such Crown Grants will be made out invariably in the names of the original purchasers from Government, unless in such special cases as are provided for under the "Crown Grants Ordinance, 1870."

Applications must be made by letter, addressed to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and Surveyor General, giving the Christian and Surname in full, of the person to whom the Crown Grant is to be made, and enclosing the receipts for the purchase money of the Land referred to.

Should it be inconvenient for the person in whose name any Crown Grant is made, to receive the same at this Office, it will be handed to any Agent duly authorized by some instrument in writing, to give a receipt for the same. JOSEPH W. TRUTCH. Lands & Works Office, Victoria, Dec 10th, 1870. de 29

PUBLIC NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS IN OCCUPATION OF A Surveyed Lands in the undermentioned Districts, viz:—Equilam, Quairichan, Metichon, Somme, Comiakon, Colar, Cemanous, Lake, Cranberry, North Saanich, Mountain, South Saanich, Nanaimo, Shawanigan, Comox, Cowichan, the right to purchase which Lands is legally held by Pre-emption Record under the "Vancouver Land Promotions of 1861 and 1862," which Records were made prior to the 1st day of January, 1871, are hereby required to pay into this Office the sum of the installment due thereon, on or before the 31st March next ensuing. By Command. JOSEPH W. TRUTCH. Lands and Works Office, Victoria B. C., 20th December 1870. de 3

A. B. GRAY,

Government Street, Victoria, B. C. IMPORTER OF STAPLE AND FANCY Dry Goods.

Additions to his Stock received over-land monthly from the best European Markets. Jan 15

CARD.

HAVING SOLD OUT MY STOCK IN Trade to Mr. W. J. Jeffere, I take this opportunity of thanking my friends and the public for past favors and soliciting a continuance of the same for my successor, who I feel satisfied will merit the same. LEWIS LEWIS. Victoria, Jan. 11, 1871. Jan 1

NOTICE.

I WOULD RESPECTFULLY inform the Public of Victoria and vicinity that I have this day purchased from Mr. Lewis of Yates Street, his entire Stock of Custom Made Clothing, Underclothing and Furnishing Goods and that I am importing by express new and fashionable goods such as the market may require, which I intend selling at prices to suit the times. W. J. JEFFERE. Jan 11, 1871. Jan 1

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST the undersigned will please present the same for payment at the store lately occupied by me on Wick Street. All persons indebted to me will please pay for the same on or before the 25th inst. All accounts outstanding after that date will be placed in the hands of my Solicitor for collection. TO LIT—The Store adjoining, apply to Lewis Lewis. Victoria, January 11, 1871. Jan 1

Canadian Oatmeal.

FELL & FINLAYSON HAVE JUST IMPORTED 20,000 POUNDS of Fresh Canadian Oatmeal from the celebrated Rockwood Mills, Ontario. The Rockwood Mills produced the First Premium at the Exhibition and Paris Exhibition. It is fresher and superior to any Oatmeal previously imported to this colony, and will be sold at JAN 21 PRICES MUCH LOWER!!

Boots! Boots! Boots!

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF VICTORIA A Manufacturer of W. HEATHORN'S BOOT & SHOE MANUFACTORY, Government Street near the Post Office, Victoria, V. BOOTS & SHOES made to order. REPAIRING done. Leather & Shoe Findings for Sale. de 16

New Advertisements.

New Goods.

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EX 'ADA,'

AND 'LADY LAMPSON,' FROM LONDON,

Liquors:

SCOTCH WHISKY—Thorne's celebrated blend in qr cks and cs. Also Lochnagar in cs

IRISH WHISKY—Dunville's in qr cks, octaves and cs

BRANDY—Hines', equal to Hennessy, in qr cks and hds

OLD TOM—Swaine Boord's in cs

SHERRY—In bulk and case

GINGER LIQUEUR—In cs

DEKUYPER'S GENEVA—In Green and Red cases

Oilman's Stores. Provisions, &c.

A full assortment of Crosse & Blackwell's Stores

PICKLES—TEA—Congou in hf chests

SAGO—Cocoa, Soap, Candles (Price & Belmont's)

Sundries:

Nobles & Hoare's celebrated Varnishes

Letchford's Inks

Shot and Ball

Guns—double and single

Iron—Bar and Sheet

TIN PLATE

TWINE—Fishing, Seine and Baling

PERFUMERY—Hair Oil, Violet Powder, Windsor Soap, &c.

AND A FULL ASSORTMENT OF Dry Goods & Blankets

Hats & Caps, Clothing, Boots & Shoes

Jan 10

HENRY SHORT,

Gun and Rifle Maker, AND IMPORTER OF FIREARMS.

HAS ON HAND A LARGE ASSORTMENT of Double and Single Barreled Fowling Pieces, Henry's Rifles, Single Barreled Rifles, Powder Flasks, Shot Bags, Pistols, &c.

ALSO—A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF FISHING TACKLE,

COMPOSING—Salmon Rode, Trout Fly Rode, Landing Nets, Gels, Extra Tips for Fly Rode, Salmon Reels, Trout Reels, Salmon Lines, Trout Fly Lines.

KNOWNS for Trout and Salmon, SPOON BAITS of all sizes, MORRISCO FLX BOOKS, Gut in Hooks, TREBLE-BRACED HOOKS, Large & Small ARTIFICIAL FLIES of all descriptions, FISHING BASKETS all sizes, AND A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF CUTLERY:

The Trade Supplied at Reasonable Rates HENRY SHORT, Jan 1 3m Government St, bet. Johnson & Pandora.

WHOLESALE Dry Goods.

WE HAVE RECEIVED EX, OORSAIN A full Stock of Clothing, Blankets, Hosiery, &c.

FOR THE WINTER TRADE. J. H. TURNER & CO. Jan 27

New Advertisements.

LOWE, STAHLSCHEIDT & CO,

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Offer for Sale the following Goods,

IN BOND OR DUTY PAID.

BRANDY—Hennessy in bulk

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WHISKY—Scotch Camlachie, in 4-casks do do in case

GIN—Swaine, Boord & Co's Old Tom, in case Geneva, red and green case

SHERRY—Amontillado, in 4-cks, choice Superior Pale, various qualities

CLARET—Chateau Pagnac, J A Bonneron, in case

FLOUR—Oregon, Standard, Imperial & other brands, Graham, Middlings, Chop Feed, &c.

SUGAR—Sandwich Islands, various grades

TEA—Souchoing and Challenge

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HENRY BRACE & CO. (LIMITED.) Of Walsall, Staffordshire, GREAT BRITAIN.

WHOLESALE SADDLERS' IRONMONGERS Manufacturers of all kinds of Harness, Whips and Horse Appointments

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Vinicultural Society, SONOMA, CALIFORNIA.

Red Wine White Wine White Wine in Hook bottles SPARKLING National Grape—Pale do —Rose Cremant

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Have just Received from England, in Fine Condition, a Splendid Assortment of DUTCH BULBS

Including HYACINTHE, TULIPS, CROCUS, NARCISSUS, JONQUILS, RANUNCULUS, ANEMONES, IRIS, SNOWDROPS, &c, &c.

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And which this year are UNUSUALLY FINE—their ANNUAL CATALOGUE of which is now ready for Distribution.

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Goods delivered Free of Charge. Jan 10

New Advertisements.

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RAISINS—John Clemmens & Sons, boxes in layers

STEEL—Sybry, Searls & Co, Sheffield, Cast and Double Shear, assorted sizes

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GUNPOWDER—Curtis's & Harvey's

PAPER—Oregon, Siraw, Printing

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DRY GOODS—Merino Shirts and Pants Neckties, Scarfs, Linen Drills, Youth's Cotton Half Hose, Linen Handkerchiefs, Hickory Shirts

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